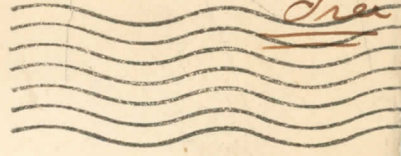


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My dear sweetheart Mary

Tonight I received your letter  
of 25 very glad to hear you  
are in best health so far  
I feel the same

Well sweetheart

you says I didn't say if  
so got your Christmas cards  
sure I did I got one from  
Jello and one from my love  
one from Ma and Mrs Manello  
I did tell you last week  
and I thank you very  
much because you says  
you like the first Christ  
cards I send to you best  
I like your cards better  
its very nice just like  
you sweetheart

(2)

Bye the way sweet you  
says if you going to chiggoo  
I get sore at you its

like this if you go with  
your father I don't care  
much but if you going  
alone I really get sore  
than you better not  
write to me anymore thats  
the way I feel about?

Well sweetest  
I feel very happy the  
way you talk you says  
you really love me well  
thats the way I feel about  
more than you think  
bye the way sweet you  
says I says to you  
you are mine well

(3)

I say that because  
won't be long you  
going be my little wife  
I can see the day I  
hope this war will over  
soon than if God will  
give us a good health  
we can get married oh boy  
I can't really wait for  
the day can't you sweet  
anyway sweetheart very glad  
you say you be waiting  
for me well I hope so.  
anyway Mary you want  
to know what did I do  
all day Christmas well  
you think I went ot  
Alexandria but if you want  
to know much I been sick

(4)

I had bad cold I stay  
right in this tent and  
I still get cold and you  
think I go out every  
night but we can't go out  
any more if we do go out  
we got walk 2 miles to  
get bus but I never  
go out since I come back  
on furlough I went out  
once to buy your gift and  
Pito gift and I don't  
care about to go any place

Also you says you  
went to see my mother  
and they says I didn't  
send anything to her but  
I did send her a gift  
but I think they didn't

get yet may be they  
says lie because I  
send the gift about two  
weeks ago anyway I wrote  
to them to let me know  
if they got <sup>that</sup> yet if they  
didn't I'm going see  
about

Mary don't send  
me any stick gum because  
we can buy much as I want  
to we got lots gum  
if you want some I send  
to you y.com sale <sup>some</sup> too

Also I don't  
have much more to  
say wishing you best  
luck

Your love  
Pete C.

Love my M.  
very much with  
all my heart  
P.C.

Solony you  
Sweetheart

I hope you write soon  
and be good girl  
solony. and good luck  
always your P.C.  
P.C. & M.

P.S. I thank you very much  
for the cigarettes you send  
to me they taste very nice